

Black Canadian Merit Award Guidelines and Selection Criteria



Purpose: The purpose of this award is to provide assistance to a Black Canadian student in need of financial aid to further their education at an accredited post-secondary institution. The scholarship is to recognize a student who is actively engaged within the Black community, who demonstrates outstanding merit and leadership within the Calgary Board of Education. The Learner Diversity & Equity Committee will consider special needs and circumstances as part of its selection process.

Eligibility: The applicant:

- (1) Must be a Grade 12 graduate in a Calgary Board of Education school in the year of application or in the year immediately preceding the year of application,
- (2) Must have been accepted into a post-secondary institution for the following year. Transcripts are not required. The Learner Diversity and Equity Committee acknowledges the various lived experiences of members within the Black community and the impact this can have on academic success.
- (3) Must submit a reference letter regarding involvement and leadership in activities within the Black community, either at school or in the community at large. The letter must address the qualities, character, citizenship, and attributes of the individual applicant, as well as actions of support and/or advocacy.
- (4) Must be registered in a first-year program of a post-secondary institution as a full time student (full time as defined by the institution) by September 15 of the school year of application.

Value: One award of \$1000.

Payment: The Merit cheque will be mailed directly to the successful applicant at the mailing address listed on the application.

Selection Committee:

Calgary Public Teachers, ATA Local 38 Learner Diversity & Equity Committee. In all matters concerning this award, the decision of the Learner Diversity & Equity Committee shall be final.

Deadlines:

Please see Important Information below.

Important Information

Application – deadline May 31 11:59 p.m.

Applications must be submitted online to Calgary Public Teachers, ATA Local 38 no later than **11:59 pm May 31** of the year of application.

If applications are not received by the deadline, applicants will be disqualified.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Certificate Form – deadline September 15 11:59 pm or January 30 11:59 pm for those starting in January.

The Post-Secondary Enrolment Certificate can be downloaded from the application or the Local 38's website.

Please have the Registrar's Office of the Post-Secondary Institution you are attending fill in this form as quickly as possible. Post-Secondary verification letters may be accepted.

Once the form has been filled out please email the document in PDF Format to reception@ata38.ab.ca.

Due to classes beginning at different times in September there may be a delay with the Registrar's office completing the form. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the ATA Office receives the form on time.

If you have any problems with the application process, please contact the ATA Local 38 office at (403) 262-6616.

Please be aware that successful applicants will receive payment from the Local 38 Office once the Council of School Representatives (CSR) has provided final approval at their meeting in October. Additional successful applicants will be added in January for those starting Post-Secondary in January.

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